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## **SS9 Unit 3 The French and North America**

# **3A Feudal France**

### **References:**

Cranny, M. (1998) Crossroads: A Meeting of Nations, Ch. 3, p. 56-70

### **Focus Question:**

What was dysfunctional (not working well) about feudal France?

### **Questions:**

**These are big topics... read first and then answer the questions, but also take some notes to help you understand what is being asked or define some terms and ideas.**

1. (p. 56) What ideas did the philosophes have about democracy, injustice, and absolute monarchy?
2. (p.59-61) Describe France in the 17th and early 18th century: classes, farming, life for the poor, life in the cities
3. (p. 62-64) Make some notes about the extravagance (expensive lifestyle) of Louis XIV. How did his extravagance hurt the country?



4. (p. 64-66) What was the reign of Louis XVI like? How did he rule? What kind of laws did the country use? Did he have the support of the middle class? How did he react to his finance minister suggesting the king cut back his spending?

5. (p. 66-67) Did Marie Antoinette understand the problems of the poor? How was her lifestyle unaffordable?

6. (p. 68-71) Describe the major ideas that Rousseau, Voltaire, and Montesquieu contributed to the Enlightenment. (e.g. social contract, use of science and reason), What was the government's reaction to these philosophes?